SD22

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Kindergarten Safety

KINDERGARTEN BUS PASSES

All Kindergarten students taking the bus to and from school will have a "Kindergarten" bus pass.

This bus pass is required when getting on and off the bus. The passes have all your child's pertinent transportation information, helping the driver ensure your child gets on and off the correct bus and off at the correct location.

To ensure your child's safe delivery, please contact transportation immediately to replace a lost or broken bus pass.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **A parent, guardian, or appropriate-aged sibling is required to meet the Kindergartner**
- ***Please arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled pickup and drop-off time to avoid missing the bus.***
- Assist your child in securing belongings before leaving home
- Remove all long drawstrings from outer clothing to prevent these from being caught in handrails and doors
- Ensure your child's safety while getting to and from the bus stop
- Support the enforcement of school bus safety rules and procedures
- Please walk to the bus stop. If you have to drive, park a distance away to prevent congestion

DURING THE RIDE

- **Sit in the first few rows of the bus**
- Remain seated, facing forward at all times
- Remain seated until the school bus comes to a complete stop
- Keep backpacks on lap and keep aisles clear
- Avoid distracting or disturbing the driver
- Open windows only with driver's permission
- Keep hands, feet, arms, and head inside the school bus at all times
- Never throw objects inside the school bus or out the windows
- No eating or drinking on the bus
- Promptly obey directions given by the driver
- Use emergency equipment or exits only in the case of a real emergency

AT THE BUS STOP

Students must:

- Wait in an orderly fashion well back from the side of the road in the **safe zone**
- Respect the private property at the bus stop
- Recognize that a **danger zone** exists in the immediate vicinity around the bus
- If children need to cross the road to board the bus, wait until the bus arrives with lights flashing, then continue to wait until the driver signals that it is safe to cross, then safely proceed across the road

AT THE BUS STOP

GETTING ON/OFF THE BUS

Students Must:

- Secure and organize belongings before getting on the bus, and keep belongings packed while on the bus
- Wait until the bus is completely stopped before approaching the door
- Scan your bus pass on and off the bus
- Enter or exit the bus in single file
- Never push or shove
- Get on and off the bus only at the designated stop
- Stay out of the **danger zone**: if you can touch the bus, you're too close—use 10 giant steps to move out of the **danger zone** and into the **safe zone**
- When crossing the road, make eye contact with the driver, wait for the driver to signal, check traffic in both directions, then cross the road in front of the school bus
- Never stop to pick up anything that drops in the **danger zone**—ask an adult or bus driver for help
- Walk, never run across the road

FIRST RIDER PROGRAM

This program prepares kindergarten students to ride the bus in September and is offered at various schools.

Children and their parents/guardians will receive important safety information and ride a real school bus to familiarize children with the bus and to make it safe and comfortable to ride to school.

If your child requires bussing, an email in April is sent out to all families with information on how to register for busing or visit our website.

WALKING AND CYCLING TO SCHOOL

We support active transportation to school because:

- Students are alert and ready to learn
- Increases engagement in-classroom
- Provides additional physical activity
- Breaks up sedentary time
- Reduces dangerous traffic near schools

DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

Go to: **www.sd22.bc.ca** and click **Bus Status** in the top right.
To receive alerts regarding delays and cancellations enroll online at: **myridek12.tylerapp.com** or Download the **Traversa My Ride K-12** App.

After enrolling, you will receive notifications about bus delays or cancellations caused by road construction, closures, or weather conditions.

Questions? Visit: www.sd22.bc.ca
Other information on our site includes:

- Parent Resources
- Bus Safety Videos
- Safety and Behaviour on School Bus
- School Bus Tips for Parents
- SD22 policies and procedures

Student Transportation Services of School District 22 plans, implements, communicates, and monitors the safe transportation of over 2800 students daily.

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